

Independence and Valley Forge

National Historical Parks



2012 Summer Teachers Institute



**Develop your
E.S.P. ★**



**★(economic – social – political
connections in history)**

The design team at Valley Forge and Independence National Historical Parks has planned an exciting and relevant 2012 Summer Teachers Institute. This professional development workshop will explore how the economic, social and political foundations of American history can spark your approach to teaching your curriculum and cover the 2010 Common Core Standards in Social Studies. By using the historic resources of Valley Forge and Independence National Historical Parks, this 4-day workshop will introduce you to historians, museum specialists, park rangers, authors, and, best of all, new ideas to take back to your classroom next fall.

When: July 9-12, 2012

Who: All Educators – 3rd through 11th grades

Where: Sessions will be held on alternative days at both parks. Participants are responsible for their own transportation each day.

Cost: \$75

Here's what teachers from past Summer Institutes had to say about the experience:

"I received first-hand experience, teaching by expert presenters and sources to use with my students. It definitely added to my knowledge base."

"The content relates directly to my standards."

"My 'head is spinning' with content knowledge."

"Each tour and presentation had info that could be applied to the classroom."

The workshop will include:

- Special guided tours at Valley Forge and Independence National Historical Park.
- Behind the scenes look at historic places, historic artifacts and historic documents.
- All participants will receive books, lesson plans and teaching resource that are adaptable for all grade levels.
- 32 hours of continuing education credits for PA (Act 48) and NJ teachers. Additional 32 hours of credit available if lesson plans are created by participants.
- Content, content and more content.
- Engaging and energizing classroom applications.
- Guest instruction by His Excellency, Commander in Chief General George Washington.
- Lunch provided each day.

Applications must be postmarked by May 12, 2012.

Questions?

Contact Jeffrey Collins at inde_education_comments@nps.gov or at (215) 597-1039 or Rhonda Schier at rhonda_schier@nps.gov or 610-783-1008.

Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____

Grade Level Taught: _____

Briefly describe why you are applying for this institute:

How many field trips do you take with your class each year?

Where do you regularly go on these field trips?

Briefly explain how you expect to use the content and techniques in your teaching:

Do not send your check at this time. After you are selected, a check will be requested.
This application should be postmarked no later than May 12, **2012** and sent to:

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Or sent via e-mail to jeffrey_collins@nps.gov by May 12, 2012.